

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 12, 1999

Present: Joe McLeland, M.S. Mitchell, Leon Robinson, William Sanders, Andy Schlapp

Absent: June Bailey and Lucy Burtnett

Also Present: Blaise Plummer, Law Department; and Larry Hoetmer, Tim Martz, Janice McKinney and Maryann Crockett (Staff)

AGENDA

First Vice President Mitchell called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m. The minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 1999, were reviewed and approved.

1. **Discussion of vacant lot at Tyler and Maple.** This item was deferred from the 5/10/99 and 6/14/99 board meetings. Larry Hoetmer, Landscape Architect, referred board members to an architectural rendering of possible site development using the five south lots (approximately 1.53 acres) not being developed by Mennonite Housing. The plan included picnic tables, lights and play equipment. He added that the site had a low area and that fill and grading work may need to be done.

Acting Director Martz commented that he had received information from the Property Management office that the assessed value for the entire eleven lots was approximately \$235,900. He said the five south lots were assessed at approximately \$78,300.

There was discussion concerning the possibility of developing three lots located at East Kellogg and Bluff (former site of the Scotch and Sirloin) that contained approximately 25,144 square feet. Martz commented that the item had been referred to the Development Review Committee for review and recommendations.

McLeland said he would contact Mennonite Housing to discuss possible donation of the five south lots at Tyler and Maple.

OLD BUSINESS

- Staff reported that they had spoken with representatives from USD #259 regarding the Greiffenstein School site. School representatives indicated that the entire building was

scheduled to be demolished; that the matter was being reviewed by the school board at tonight's meeting; and that a park site was one of the options being considered.

- Staff reported that maintenance crews would check on the low water bridge at Pawnee Prairie Park on a regular basis.
- Acting Director Martz reported that Property Management staff checks the tax foreclosure list for possible land acquisition. He said Property Management would appreciate it if board members would notify them if they see any land for sale so they could look into possible acquisition.
- Acting Director Martz reported that Key Construction had received the bid for design/build of the vest pocket park project.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acting Director Martz referred board members to a hand out entitled "Abridged Report on the 1998 Cowskin Creek Basin Flood within the City Limits of Wichita" and a copy of the draft agenda report attached to the agenda. He commented that he wanted the Board to be aware of the reports because of the possible impact to both Swanson and Pawnee Prairie Parks. There was brief discussion concerning stream clean up. Mitchell inquired about the progress of the Phillips Pipeline repair at Swanson. Staff indicated that it had been postponed indefinitely.
- Larry Hoetmer reported that the Staff Selection and Screening Committee had selected Hydro Dramatics as the successful bidder for the water feature at Lincoln Park and Randall Steiner to provide design services for improvements to the bathhouse. He said both contracts were scheduled to go to City Council for approval. He said the design team planned to hold meetings in early August and it was projected that the project would be completed by summer of 2000.
- Staff referred board members to correspondence dated 6/28/99 regarding placement of pedestrian bridges along the 3rd Street Project. Staff commented that an 80/20 match of T-21 monies and City funds would be used to construct three bridges along the project. There was brief discussion concerning equity of placement of the bridges. Staff reported that the proposal was to construct bridges at Grove, Piatt and Hillside.
- Acting Director Martz reported that staff had received a request to allow the North High School girls soccer team to play at Columbine Park on a temporary basis (approximately four weeks). He explained that permission had been granted provided there was no negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood or park neighbors.
- Staff reported that the bid for the concrete pathway at Kiwanis Park had gone out and that the deadline was July 23. They said the Board of Bids would make a recommendation to the City Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m.

M.S. Mitchell, First Vice President

ATTEST:

Maryann Crockett, Clerk